GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Department for Women, Children, Differently Abled & Senior Citizens – Braille Press - Established at Guntur – Proposal for keeping the control of unit under District Administration of A. P. Differently Abled and Senior Citizens Assistance Corporation - Orders –Issued.

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DEPARTMENT FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DIFFERENTLY ABLED & SENIOR CITIZENS (PROG.II)

G.O.RT.No. 106 Dated: 03-07-2025

Read the following:

1. G.O. Ms. No. 26, Dept. for WCDA & SC (Prog.II), Dt. 17.09.2018.
2. From the MD, APDASCAC, letter Rc. No.B1/540/2014, Dt.17.05.2017.
3. G.O. Ms. No. 34, Dept. for WCDA & SC (Prog.II), Dt. 20.11.2018.
4. Govt. Memo No. 2531433/WDC01/Prog.II/A1/2025/1, Dt.27.01.2025, Dept. for WCDA & SC (Prog.II).
5. E-file bearing No. 2864519 received from the MD, APDASCAC, Vijayawada.

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ORDER:

Whereas, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, New Delhi has sanctioned an amount of Rs.1.29 Crores in May 2015 as Grant-in-Aid under the Central Sector Scheme "Support for Establishment/Modernization/Capacity Augmentation of Braille Press" to the State of Andhra Pradesh, following bifurcation. This sanction was extended as the existing Braille Press and its technical staff had been allotted to Telangana.

2. And whereas, the Government vide reference 1st read above, issued administrative sanction for the establishment of Braille Press at Guntur under the said Central Sector Scheme, with the primary objective of printing Braille study material from Classes 1 to 10 for Visually Challenged Students. Required funds were sanctioned for the construction of the building and procurement of machinery.

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3. Accordingly, under the Central Scheme, A. P. Differently Abled and Senior Citizens Assistance Corporation procured Braillo 650 SW2 machines from Braillo, Norway, for embossing Braille literature. The State Government sanctioned Rs.35.00 Lakhs for the construction of a new building to house the Braille Press. The Braille Press was established in the new building in December 2018.

4. And whereas, the Managing Director, A. P. Differently Abled and Senior Citizens Assistance Corporation, vide reference 2nd read above, has submitted proposals for recruitment of technical staff on outsourcing basis to support the functioning of the Braille Press. Based on these proposals, the Government, vide reference 3rd read above, sanctioned five posts - Machine Operator, Data Entry Operator, Binder, Proof Reader, and Copy Holder - on outsourcing basis, subject to the condition that recurring expenditure will be met from Government of India reimbursements and revenues generated by the unit.

5. And whereas, the Government of India reimburses Rs.2.00 per Braille sheet embossed at the Braille Press. Accordingly, the expenditure incurred on technical staff is covered under this reimbursement.

6. From inception, the overall supervision of the Braille Press was vested in the Project Officers of A. P. Differently Abled and Senior Citizens Assistance Corporation under the overall control of the Managing Director, A. P. Differently Abled and Senior Citizens Assistance Corporation, Vijayawada as no regular post was sanctioned for the unit. Further, there are practical difficulties in managing day-to-day operations of the Braille Press, Guntur from the Head Office at Vijayawada, especially in terms of work supervision and execution.

7. And whereas, the operations of TCPCs and District Manager Offices of A. P. Differently Abled and Senior Citizens Assistance Corporation are being run under the administrative control of the Joint Collector/Executive Director and District-level Officers, such as the Project Officer/District Manager for implementation of various welfare schemes and financial benefit programs for persons with disabilities.

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8. On similar lines, and in view of the practical challenges being faced in managing the Braille Press, Guntur from the Head Office at Vijayawada - particularly with respect to supervision, staffing, and timely production of Braille textbooks and after careful examination of the proposal of the Director, WDAT & SC Dept., Vijayawada, vide reference 5th read above, Govt. hereby orders to place the Braille Press under the administrative control of the District Administration, i.e., the Joint Collector/Executive Director and the District Manager, A. P. Differently Abled and Senior Citizens Assistance Corporation, Guntur.

9. Further, Govt. hereby orders that the Bank Account of the Braille Press be jointly operated by the Joint Collector/Executive Director and the District Manager to ensure proper financial oversight and operational convenience.

10. The Managing Director, A. P. Differently Abled and Senior Citizens Assistance Corporation, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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